

WHEREAS, Communication is the cohesive force in every human culture and a dominant influence in the personal life of every person; and,

WHEREAS, More than ten percent of all Americans have speech, language or hearing impairments so severe that their educational, vocational, personal and social functions are adversely affected; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the speech-language pathology and audiology profession strive to restore or improve communicative competence so that those with speech, language or hearing disorders can regain and maintain a meaningful and productive role in our society; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota is aware of and grateful for the high level of speech-language pathology and audiology services available to communicatively-handicapped persons in schools, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, speech and hearing clinics and private practice offices:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1979, as

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in South Dakota, and I commend and endorse the humanitarian and rehabilitative services rendered by speech-language pathologists and audiologists throughout the state to our communicatively-impaired citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine

  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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